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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the prosecution in the parent application. The original claims 1-6 have been canceled from the application as being directed to the non-elected invention. Claims 7-10 remain in the application and are drawn to a method of making a ceramic capacitor.

Applicants believe that these claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record in the parent application.

The present application is a divisional application and the prior art cited in the parent application should be taken into consideration in the present application. In accordance with MPEP §2001.06(b) no copies of the prior art in the parent application is submitted herewith. In accordance with MPEP §609, a Form 1449 listing these references is also submitted herewith. Confirmation that the prior art cited in the parent application has been considered in the next Official Action is most respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments to the claims an early and favorable action on the merits is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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